

## News Release

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## Riverside Selected As Finalist for International LivCom Award

**Riverside, Calif.** – The City of Riverside has been selected as a finalist in the 2010 International Awards for Livable Communities (LivCom), an international competition for local communities that focuses on environmental management and the creation of sustainable cities.

Launched in 1997, and endorsed by the United Nations Environment Program, the LivCom Awards are the world's only awards competition that focuses on best practices regarding management of the local environment.

As a finalist in the competition's Whole City award, Riverside will be judged on several categories including: Enhancement of the Natural and Built Landscapes; Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Environmental Best Practices; Community Participation and Empowerment, Healthy Lifestyle; and Strategic Planning.

"We are very proud to receive this selection," said Riverside's Sustainability Officer Mike Bacich. "We look forward to sharing Riverside's award winning Action Plan and accomplishments with other communities from around the world."

City officials will represent Riverside during the finals presentations in Chicago, this November.

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Established in 1895, Riverside Public Utilities is a consumer-owned water and electric utility governed by a board of nine community volunteers that provides high quality, reliable services to over 106,000 metered electric customers and 64,000 metered water customers throughout the City of Riverside. The Utility is committed to increased use of renewable energy resources and sustainable living practices that help reduce environmental impacts within the City of Riverside and the state of California.